- Unintentional injuries: other (3.2%),
- Nutritional deficiencies (2.8%),
- Malaria (2.7%),
- Congenital anomalies (2.7%), and
- Fever of unknown origin (1.5%).

(c) to (e) The child mortality in the country decreased from 32 to 18 as per NFHS-3 report (2005-06).

Government of India in the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare is taking various steps including implementation of National rural Health Mission, Janani Suraksha Yojana, Reproductive and Child Health programme and other disease control programmes to reduce the incidence of child mortality.

Key strategies are to increase coverage of skilled care at birth for newborns together with maternal care, strengthening and augmenting of existing services, implementation of multi-year strategic plan for Universal Immunisation Programme (UIP). Components of child care include Navjat Shishu Suraksha Karyakaram, Infant and Young Child Feeding, Vitamin A supplementation and iron and folic acid supplementation, early detection and appropriate management of Acute respiratory infections, diarrhoea and other infections, Integrated Management of Neonatal and Childhood Illness (IMNCI), Facility based IMNCI, Home based care of newborns and management of children with malnutrition, treatment of severe acute malnutrition through Nutrition Rehabilitation Centres (NRCs).

The Government is also implementing the Integrated Child Development Services Scheme which provide a package of six services which include supplementary nutrition for children under six years, pregnant and lactating women. Government has universalized ICDS scheme with increased budgetary allocation in 2009-10 for expansion of Anganwadi centers as well as increase in financial and nutritional norms. Besides, there are other programmes such as Rajiv Gandhi Mission for Drinking Water and Total Sanitation Campaign which are being implemented and have impact on improving health and nutritional status.

Convention on child rights

3535. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA:
DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country has participated in the 20th anniversary celebration of the Convention on the Rights of the Child held during October-November, 2009 which has always upheld a universally agreed-upon set of non-negotiable basic human rights, standards and obligations, including the right of survival and protection;

(b) whether the convection forcefully reitereated its rhetoric reconmmitment to protecting girls and ending sons preference; and

(c) if so, whether any guidelines for eliminating gender-gaps were formulated and synergetic implementation modalities evolved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir, In India, the anniversary was marked by the release of 'The State of World's Children Report', special edition in a function organized in Delhi by UNICEF on 20th November, 2009. The function was attended by the representatives of the Government. The focus of the event was on overall progress of children in India and the remaining challenges. Specific details of protecting girls' rights and the guidelines for eliminating gender gaps were not discussed.

Rice and wheat at BPL rates for Anganwadi centres

†3536. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI SHIVPRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request has been received from Chhattisgarh for providing rice and wheat to Anganwadi Centres at BPL rates for 2009-10;

(b) the demand made and quantity released in this regard; and

(c) by when the remaining quantity would be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Under Wheat Based Nutrition Programme (WBNP) linked to Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme, the State of Chhattisgarh has been allocated total of 22,500 MTs of Wheat and 34,852 MTs of Rice in three quarter vis-a-vis the initial requirement of 45,000 MTs of Wheat and 40,000 MTs of Rice received from the State Government for the year 2009-10.

Under Nutrition Programme for Adolescent Girls (NPAG) the State has been allocated 2253.87 MTs of Rice in 2 quarters vis-a-vis the requirements of 3944.26 MTs of Rice conveyed by the State Government. Requirement of 42000 MTs of Rice for the 4th quarter of the current financial year has been received from the State Government.

Under Wheat Based Nutrition Programme (WBNP), the remaining quantities would be released during 4th quarter of the current financial year subject to availability of foodgrains in sufficient quantity as per overall demand.

Under NPAG, the remaining quantity would be released subject to the submission of Utilisation Certificate by the State Government.

Anganwadis in Orissa

3537. SHRI BALBIR PUNJ: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.